

LEGAL NOTICE  
Public Scoping Notice  
White Beaver Salvage  
USDA-Forest Service  
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest  
Idaho County, Idaho

The Powell Ranger District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest is proposing forest management activities to enhance whitebark pine growth in the White Beaver Salvage Project area. This project area encompasses approximately 30 acres along Beaver Ridge in the Storm Creek drainage portions of Sections, 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 37N, Range 16E, Idaho County, Idaho. The area is accessed by forest roads 368 and 369.

The White Beaver Salvage project objectives are to promote the growth of Whitebark Pine by;

- Reducing Mountain pine beetle infestations in mature Whitebark Pine through the removal of competing and infested lodgepole pine,
- Restoring whitebark pine in selected areas suited to their establishment and growth through hand planting,
- Releasing immature whitebark pine by removing the surrounding competing species,
- Encouraging natural regeneration around mature cone-producing whitebark pine, and
- Protecting existing whitebark pine plus trees and cone production trees.

The White Beaver Salvage project area consists of three treatment areas totaling approximately 30 acres in mostly small diameter (6-9 inch DBH) lodge pole pine stands with active mountain pine beetle infestation resulting from the fires of 2012. Treatment activities include ground based sanitation harvesting, which would retain standing and down woody material for long term soil nutrient and wildlife habitat. Post-harvest activities include slash treatment, pile burning and planting of white bark pine throughout all treated areas. At this time the White Beaver project is anticipated to meet Category 14 of the Category Exclusion process (sanitation harvest of trees to control insects or disease not to exceed 250 acres).

Comments are invited on this proposal and should be addressed to Amy Larson, White Beaver Salvage team leader, Lochsa Ranger Station, 502 Lowry Street, Kooskia, ID 83539. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (PST), Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided during normal business hours via telephone (208) 926-6431 or in person. Electronic comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to [comments-northern-clearwater-powell@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-clearwater-powell@fs.fed.us). So that your input may be included in our analysis, please provide comment addressing the proposed actions within 30 days after this legal ad appears in the Lewiston Tribune. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. A copy of the Scoping Letter describing the project in more detail can be obtained at the above address or by phoning 208-926-6431.